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1. DE 40 32 927 A1 (English abstract provided)
2. DE 101 26 492 A1 (English abstract provided)
3. DE 101 04 734 A1 (English abstract provided)
4. US 6,150,930
5. US 5,414,439

Documents 1-5 are cited in the ISR. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

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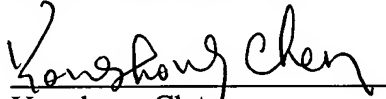
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		DE 40 32 927 A1	04-30-1992	Robert Bosch GmbH		
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